

**Grande Prairie Regional College
ARTS, COMMERCE & EDUCATION**

**COURSE OUTLINE
NT1521 – Introductory Cree II 3(4-0-1) UT
Spring 2001**

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Hours of Instruction: 4 Lecture, 1 Lab
Prerequisites: NT1521
Equivalent To: NS152 University of Alberta credit when combined with NT1521.

Course Description:

Introductory Cree I is a general introduction to Plains Cree (Y dialect) grammar, and vocabulary with an emphasis in the practice in speaking and writing in Cree Syllabics and Roman Orthography. No prior knowledge of Cree is assumed.

Course Objectives:

Students will be able to comprehend simple sentences written in Roman Orthography, through their knowledge of vocabulary, word agreement, word order and association. Students will also be able to interpret and write in Cree Syllabics. Individual projects will be done both in written and presented orally in class. There will be in class and some take home assignments throughout this term. Often the structure is provided for you through class lectures. Attendance and participation are very important in this course. Students will not be allowed to reschedule missed quizzes or assignments unless they provide a valid reason. This course will provide preparation for the intermediate Cree NT1522/NS153.

Assignments:

1.	Quiz #1	September 22	5%
2.	Field Trip	Date to be negotiated	5%
3.	Assignment #1	October 18	10%
4.	Midterm	November 1	15%
5.	Quiz #2	November 15	5%
6.	Quiz #3	November 29	5%
7.	Assignment #2		
	Part A Written in Cree/English		10%
	Part B Oral Presentation		10%
8.	Final Exam	December	25%
9.	Participation	Sept – Dec	10%

Important Note on Assignments: Deadlines for assignments will be strictly observed. All assignments are due at the beginning of class on the date they are due. LATE assignments are penalized 5% PER DAY that they are late to a maximum of five days (25%); after five days late assignments will not be accepted. Only in extremely special cases will extensions be granted. The instructor will not be responsible for any assignment handed in to anyone other than the instructor. It is expected that all assignments will be typed (except for in-class exams). Assignments are not handed back until all assignments are in. The final paper will be handed back at the last class or at the final exam. Student assignments remaining at the Faculty of Native Studies 90 days after the semester ends will be shredded.

Projects:

Students will complete two projects:

1. A short story or book written in Roman Orthography or Cree Syllabics, which must be presented in class;
2.
 - a) essay on topic of interest in language or culture;
 - b) oral presentation on any structural aspect of the language or culture.

Language Laboratory:

Language lab tapes are available for student use. Attendance is critical and is included as a portion of your lab grade.

Guest Speakers:

Upon availability and time permitting.

Quizzes:

Attendance is imperative as quizzes are given a high percentage in final grading of the course.

- a) 2 take-home assignments per term
- b) 3 in-class quizzes per term
- 3) Field trip

Required Textbooks:

Edited by Memnook, M., Hunter, E., Karpinski, B., Introductory Cree, Part I, School of Native Studies, University of Alberta. Revised Edition, 1999.

L.LiHirondelle, Warr, Memnook & Paskemin, Grammar/Glossary 2001, School of Native Studies, University of Alberta. 2001.

Recommended Readings:

H.C. Wolfart, Chris and Freda Ahenakew, Student's Dictionary of Literary Plains Cree, Winnipeg, MB, 1988.

Wolvengrey, Arok, Nehiyawewin: Itwewina. Cree: Words, Canadian Plains Rresearch Center, University of Regina, Regina, SK, 2001 (Volume 1 and 2).

Attendance:

Attendance is recorded daily. A medical note from a Medical Physician is required when absent from exams.

Topics: (Weekly Breakdown)

- Units A - 4 Take home assignment #1 by October 18
- Units 5 - 9 Take home assignment presentations #1 by October 27 and review for midterm.
- Units 10-13 Assignment #2 written in Cree/English by November 22
Last assignment presentations December 1
Review for final
Class Poll – Final Exam (3 hours)